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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

J. Peter KLEIN, et al.

Application No.: 09/544,984

Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed: April 07, 2000

Examiner: Mojdeh Bahar

For: THERAPEUTIC COMPOUNDS FOR INHIBITING INTERLEUKIN-12 SIGNALS AND  
METHOD FOR USING SAME

**AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application, as set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 8 and 9 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter they contain.

**REMARKS**

At the outset, Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the indication that claims 12-15 are deemed allowable.

Claims 10-15, 18 and 47-49 are pending in this application. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing patent applications. Reexamination of the pending claims and reconsideration of the pending rejections are respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.